

St. Paul's, Ivy
August Vestry Meeting
August 9, 2011
7:30 PM

Present: The Rev. John Seville (Interim Rector), Vic Dandridge (Treasurer), Denise Foster (Junior Warden), Bruce Sullivan (Senior Warden), Carol Vernon, Nicole Betts, Mary Leavell (Register), Meg Janucik, David Wood, Heather Dickey. Absent- Bill Achenbach, Paxson Mac Donald, Luke Wright, David Cooke

1. Opening Prayer: John Seville opens with a prayer.
2. Reading of Minutes of June 2011 Meeting: Minutes approved unanimously.
3. Rector's Update- John Seville reports on his vacation in borders of Scotland, England and the Bishop's visit. Rector also took Education for Ministry class in Roslyn. This is a required (every 18 months) refresher class for those who are actively teaching EfM. John took this for continuing education. We are getting ready for start of new year with Christian Education classes beginning on Sept. 11 and Rally Day, Homecoming. This is also anniversary of Twin Towers attack and we will offer special prayers to remember that day. Interim rector is assembling a committee to rethink publicizing our church activities.
4. Treasurer's Report- Pledge payments are ahead of last year at this time. Expenses are fine. We have taken in \$29,000 more than we have spent due to lower salary expenses. Question on utilities use- amount is about the same. Motion passes to accept the treasurer's report.
Approval of Virginia National Bank accounts signatories- Resolution to bring our check signatures up to date. Checks over \$1,000 need two signatures. Denise Foster added to signing group. This resolution is proposed and passes. Vestry entered into minutes papers to effect Denise's ability to perform limited banking duties for the Church. Question regarding safeguards on church funds. Vic explained SPI's procedures for documentation and checking on use of funds.
5. Old Business-
 - A. Rector Search Committee (Bill Achenbach)- Bill is absent. No report.
 - B. Property (Bruce Sullivan)- There is a dead tree on church property and opinion is to let Tommy Keith handle the removal with professionals. Painting is underway and carpet for the robing room will be installed. Replacement of Kirklea siding is being looked into. Some parishioners have suggested that the temperature in the church is too cool during the 8:30 service. A number of professionals have been consulted on this issue. On a hot day, in order for the church to be a reasonable temperature for the 10:30 service, the HVAC system must start cooling the building early. Sometimes as early as Saturday afternoon. This is due to the size of the building and the condition of the aging HVAC system .
6. New Business
 - A. Retreat:- This years' retreat was well received and Luke Wright's assorted grilled meats were reportedly awesome. Ace Dandridge, Luke Wright, Marianne Cole, Mary Welby Von Thelan, Paxson MacDonald all added wonderful energy and thoughtfulness to the event's

success. Vestry elects to set aside same amount of money for next year to support this event-and expressed heartfelt thanks to all generous souls who organized and helped it. Motion passes unanimously.

- B. Memorial Garden (Heather).- Heather met with Tommy Keith and the two investigated best areas for Memorial Garden. The two felt that area near wall with boxwoods behind church would be ideal. It would face away from cemetery. Vestry creates subcommittee (Heather Dickey, Denise Foster, & Bruce Sullivan) to study this.
 - C. Vestry elections for class of 2012-2015- Bruce reports that the nominating committee would like input from the vestry whether to continue with slate of 4 versus election of 8 candidates. Discussion regarding merits of each follows. General consensus is to continue with the slate format.
 - D. Additional Items- Need-to replace Alf Weaver on Outreach Coordinating committee. Also, we need a volunteer for coordinating Church Homecoming Picnic. Discussion regarding definition of mission statement of various committees. Habitat work days are not getting the participation we have had in the past. Leigh Middleditch is organizing ushers help to restore enthusiasm. Consideration whether to continue to send out reminder letters or post cards to Sunday ushers, greeters, servers, etc. or convert to electronic communication. Vic will look into this and discuss it with the office staff.
7. Additional Items- Move to adjourn passes. Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Mary H Leavell, register